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BOOK REVIEWS.

Jefferson, Cabell and The University of Virginia, by John S. Patton, Librarian of the University. The Neale Publishing Company, Washington and New York. 1906. Prices $2.00.

This work—which one might well expect from its title to be of a rather dry historical nature—will most agreeably disappoint any one who takes it up with that idea. The University of Virginia, unique alike in its character, the nature of its foundation, and the distinction of its founder, has a history replete with charm and interest. And that history Mr. Patton has told in a most interesting and charming manner.

All men who have any knowledge on the subject, know that Mr. Jefferson desired to be remembered as its Father. But few men now-a-days are aware that Joseph C. Cabell was almost as much responsible for its existence as the great Author of the Declaration. Without his active co-operation in the Legislature and State, even the overwhelming influence of Mr. Jefferson would have failed to carry out his great purpose. This book does full justice to Cabell's work and collects from his and Mr. Jefferson's correspondence valuable and entertaining matter which otherwise would have been out of the reach of the general public. It takes up the history of the University from the earliest beginning in the humble Albemarle Academy, and step by step details the growth of the plan of Mr. Jefferson—the antagonisms encountered, the unfaltering persistency, the dauntless courage and the final success of his ideas. A most delightful sketch of that brilliant young genius, Francis Walker Gilmer, in whose intelligence and tact Mr. Jefferson had such confidence that he sent him to Europe to select the first professors, is given; and then in chapters replete with pleasant anecdote and recital, the early years of the institution and its first professors are set out. The social life of the college; the lives of the students whilst in its walls; the early struggles in discipline; the wild, as well as the brave, days of old—all these are depicted with the pen of a ready writer. Mr. Patton has succeeded in the difficult task of making the history of an institution most pleasant reading, and his book is one that deserves a wide circulation, not only amongst the alumni of the University, but amongst all who enjoy an entertaining volume written in a delightful and easy style and replete with information valuable alike to the scholar and the layman. In his pages the University is seen as it should be, not, as many love to call it "The lengthened shadow of one man," but rather an emanation from the light of a great intellect which continues to shine on, reflecting the truest greatness without a shadow and increasing in brilliancy with the years.

The American and English Annotated Cases, containing the important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports. Edited by Wm. M. McKinney, Editor of Encyc. of Pleading & Practice; David S. Garland, Editor Am. & En. Enc. of Law, 2d Edition; & H. Noyes Greene. Volumes I, II, & III. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, L. I. 1906. Price, $5 per volume.

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